Sounds of the Honkers 4/19/64, 8:30 am

Five young, last-year's hatch, single flock. Conditions: anticipating supplementary feeding of bread, which they relish; no commotion; they had the choice position to themselves.

Mostof the sounds were almost grunts, some sctually suggesting hog noises. Some were ~~wer~~ repeated in sequences of three, four or more; most twice, like "Unh, wuhn". If the sounds were more than mere placid comments, there was an accent toward the end of the sound, but in these cases there was no real excitement behind the expression. Whenever there was more volume or more excitement, there tended to me more repetition, more of an"onk" or"unk" sound, with the rising accent toward the end and on the "k". These were both lounder and more shrill.

While they were just standing, lookin at me, waiting, the grunting had the following sounds, as best I can express them phonetically:
hup, huk, huh, humk-humk(dont remember hearing this without repetition), huh-uhnnk (ditto); guh-gwunh (ditto), uh-wuh-uh. These were both lower and deeper. There was also an uhk sound, with the rising accent and a shriller note on the k. This sound was repeated in sequences , as was also guh-wunnk, the second syllable of which was expressed as the hhk sound. None of these were real excitement or warning sounds, and none were uttered with the shrillnes and passion of the warning sounds.